Pending irrigation projects

282. SHRI O.T. LEPCHA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the major and medium irrigation projects of various States lying pending with the Central Government as on date;

(b) since when the above irrigation projects are pending indicating the reasons for delay;

(c) the present status of each project; and

(d) by when the projects are likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAY PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) At present 186 new irrigation project proposals (103 major and 83 medium) have been received from various State Governments out of which 114 projects (62 major and 52 medium) are under different stages of appraisal and remaining 72 projects (41 major and 31 medium) have been techo-economically accepted by the Advisory Committee on Irrigation, Flood Control and Multipurpose Projects of Ministry of Water Resources. State-wise abstract and details of projects are enclosed as Annexure.

(b) Date of receipt of each project proposal is indicated in the enclosed Annexure *[See* Appendix 212 Annexure No. I]. Various reasons for delay in techno-economic appraisal in Central Water Commission (CWC) are:—

(1) The projects formulated are not according to the guidelines for preparation of detailed project reports for irrigation and multi-purpose projects issued by the CWC.

(2) Adequate investigations (Topographical, hydrological, geological and soil surveys etc.) are not carried out before submission of project proposals.

(3) Studies to assess dependable yield, design flood and silt load etc. are neither based on adequate data nor are standard techniques applied in carrying out those studies.

(4) The concurrence of State Revenue, Financial and Agriculture Departments are not obtained while sending the proposal to the Centre for techno-economic appraisal.

(5) Clearance from Ministry of Environment and Forest from environmental and forest angle is not obtained.

(6) Clearance of Resettlement and Rehabilitation Plan from Ministry of Tribal AfTairs not obtained in case Tribal population are affected.

(7) The State Government takes unduly long time in compliance of the observations of various Central Appraising Agencies.

(8) Cost estimates are not to the required standard.

(c) Status/Category for each project is reflected in Annexure *[See* Appendix 212, Annexure No. 1]

(d) The time taken for clearance/approval of the project proposals depends upon the promptness with which the State Governments arranges compliance to the oservations of CWC/ Technical Advirosy Committee/Planning Commission.

Financial assistance to States for control of floods

283. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria adopted for sanctioning of financial assistance to the State Governments for control of floods;

(b) the details of total amount so far sanctioned and financial assistance provided under Rural Infrastructure Development Fund by the National Agricultural Bank for Rural Development during the year 2006-07 to control the floods, State-wise/Union Territory-wise;

(c) whether any directions have been issued to the State Governments in this regard; and

(d) the measures taken by the State Governments for implementation of these directions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAY PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) Criteria adopted for sanctioning of financial assistance to State Government for control of floods is as per procedure laid down by the Planning Commission.

(b) As per information provided by National Agricultural Bank for Rural Development (NABARD), the State-wise details of total amount sanctioned and financial assistance provided for flood control projects, under Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF) by NABARD during the year 2006-07 are given at Statement.

(c) and (d) Flood management being, a State subject, the schemes for flood control is planned, funded and executed by the State Governments as per their own priorities.

Flood protection is an approved activity for financing State Governments under RIDF and all States have been appraised of this fact. During the year 2006-07, 231 projects with RIDF loan of Rs. 647.85 crore were sanctioned, against which a total of Rs. 167.01 crore has been drawn by various State Governments under RIDF for control of Floods. The details of projects sanctioned by NABARD to various State Governments for control floods are given in Annexure-I.

Statement

State-wise funds sanctioned for flood control/flood protection projects, under RIDF by NABARD during the year 2006-07

(Rs. in crore)

SI. No.	State	Flood Control/Flood Protection	
		No. of Projects	Amount Sanctioned
1.	Assam	20	94.03
2.	Gujarat	51	275.93
3.	Himachal Pradesh	3	24.58
4.	Jammu & Kashmii:	2	3.38
5.	FCerala	25	36.92
6.	Orissa	39	'■> 60.97
7.	Punjab	5	75.14
8.	Uttar Pradesh	3	24.98
9.	West Bengal	82	51.81
10.	Sikkim	1	0.11
	ALL iNiaA TOTAL :	231	647.85